GOOD NEWS FOR HOMEMAKERS

By Shirley W. Walton
Extension Agent

Poinsettia Care

Because of many calls concerning the care of poinsettias, I am again running information about how to properly care for them.

If you were given a beautiful poinsettia for Christmas, you want its beauty to last as long as possible. With proper care, the blooms will remain attractive for a month to six weeks.

The best location for your poinsettia is a sunny window, but the leaves should not be allowed to touch the cold window pane. The plant grows best at temperatures between 70 and 75 degrees in the day, and 60 degrees at night. Poinsettias should not be exposed to cold or hot air drafts. Do not set your plant on a television because of the heat from it.

Your poinsettia plant must receive adequate, but not excess water. Apply water when the soil feels dry. Soak the soil completely to the bottom of the pot. If your pot is covered with a colorful foil, punch a hole in the bottom to allow for proper drainage. The plant will die rather quickly if the soil remains wet.

The leaves of your poinsettia may become yellow and drop prematurely if the plant receives insufficient light, excess water, is exposed to drafts, or receives insufficient nitrogen fertilizer. Apply a good house plant fertilizer every week, following the package directions. A soluable type fertilizer is recommended and may be purchased from your local florist or hardware stores.

Poinsettias are native to the tropics and may be used as landscape plants in southern United States. In Virginia, it may be grown indoors during the cold winter months. You may save your plant for growth another year by allowing the soil to dry out when half the leaves have fallen.

When the leaves fall off, cut back the stalks of the plant (about half) and place in your basement or other rather cool spot, watering sparingly once a week. As soon as the danger of frost has passed, the plant can be cut back to three to four inches and planted in your garden.

Cuttings from the three-to-four-inch lengths can also be rooted and planted. Early in September the old plant should be repotted in fresh soil, brought into the house and grown in as cool a place as possible. By the end of November place the plant in a sunny window, where it will bloom again by Christmas of 1978. If you made and rooted cuttings, these can be treated the same way as the parent plant.

The poinsettia has acquired the reputation of being poisonous, but this is not the case. Research workers at Ohio State University have fed large quanities of leaves and flowers to rats with no harmful results.

Best wishes to each of you for a Happy New Year filled with happiness and good health.

I wish to express sincere appreciation to the fine staff of the **Times-Virginian** for their cooperation in making this column possible. Thank you for reading.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK
Cranberry Salad

1 lg. pkg. raspberry gelatin
1 envelope unflavored gelatin
2 cups hot water
1 pkg. fresh cranberries
1 to 1½ cups sugar
1 lg. can crushed pineapple
1 whole orange w/peel
¾ cup pecans

Dissolve raspberry gelatin and unflavored gelatin in the 2 cups of hot water. Let cool. Chop finely 1 pkg. of fresh cranberries and add sugar. (Note: I chop my cranberries in a blender.) Drain the juice from the crushed pineapple in the blender and add 1 whole orange which has been quartered and seeded. Chop until fine. Add sweetened cranberries, crushed pineapple, orange and pecans to the gelatin mixture. Mold in your favorite large mold or individual molds. This salad will serve approximately 16 people. It will also keep nice in the refrigerator up to 1 week.

New Mid-Atlantic Trade Show To Meet With Va. Pesticide Assoc.

Farm supply dealers, pesticide and fertilizer formulators, equipment manufacturers and suppliers will meet at the Virginia State Fairgrounds on Jan. 25 - 26 for the annual meeting of the Virginia Pesticide Association. This year for the first time the meeting will be in conjunction with the new Mid-Atlantic Agricultural Chemical Trade Show.

The trade show, presented for the first time this year will place on display the latest equipment and pesticides for agriculture pest control. "It will provide an unusual opportunity to see, first hand, the latest innovations in pesticide handling equipment," according to Ric Neiman, president of the association.

A program, designed to attract dealers in North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware will feature such topics as: "credit and collections," "dealer responsibilities to growers," "what happens if a grower sues," "better pesticide management," "lawn and garden marketing potential," and other topics relating to the dealer.

As an added attraction, Joe Theismann, Washington Redskins quarterback will be the guest speaker at the annual banquet scheduled Thursday Noon, January 26.

Program Chairman, Courtland Warfield encourages all interested dealers to attend. "They are welcome whether they are members or not," he stated. "The show and meeting has been planned to provide information and help to all who are handling pesticides."

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Obituary

Mary Isabell Babcock

Mary (Bell) Isabell Babcock, 75, of Lynchburg, formerly of Appomattox, died at 8:10 a.m., Thursday, December 29, 1977, in Liberty Nursing Home after a long illness.

Born in Appomattox County, she was a daughter of Frank Early Babcock and Annie Collins Babcock. She was a member of Court Street United Methodist Church.

She is survived by one niece, Mrs. Hubert Dunn of Route 3, Lynchburg; one nephew, David E. Wooldridge of Portsmouth, N.H.; one nephew, and one great-great nephew.

She made her home with Mrs. J. C. Hudgins of Norfolk and the late Mr. Hudgins for many years.

Graveside services were conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday at Liberty Cemetery in Appomattox.

Piney River Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Nick Kassick

Catherine Kassick, 88, of Appomattox, died at 4:30 p.m. Sunday in Lynchburg General Hospital. She was formerly of Homer City and Erie, Pa.

She was the wife of the late Nick Kassick. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Homer City and attended Holy Cross Catholic Church in Lynchburg.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Mary K. Lieffers of Appomattox and Mrs. Anna K. Young of Erie, Pa.; one sister, Mrs. Anna Fabolich of Tarentum, Pa., six grandchildren and 11 great - grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Holy Cross Catholic Church, with burial in Pine Hill Memorial Park.

Vester M. Clifton

PAMPLIN - Vester Marvin Clifton, 57, of Rt. 1, Pamplin, died at 2:30 a.m. Monday in Virginia Baptist Hospital. His wife is Mrs. Mary Louise Meadows Clifton.

Born in Patrick County, he was a son of the late Lester and Maude Martin Clifton. He was a retired auto mechanic and member of Piney Ridge United Methodist Church.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Vester Robert Clifton of Appomattox and Tony Morgan Clifton of Gladstone; a daughter, Mrs. Phyllis Clifton Henry of Roaring Gap, N.C.; a brother, Ray Clifton of Baltimore; six sisters, Mrs. Annie Hayden of Mt. Airy, N.C., Mrs. Addie Farrington of Appomattox, Mrs. Viola Pollard of Cullen, Mrs. Peggie Light of Stuart and Mrs. Irene Briles and Mrs. Nell Purcell of Greensboro, N.C. and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Piney Ridge United Methodist Church by the Rev. Thomas Boggs. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Virginia,
In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Appomattox on the 3rd day of January, 1978.
Herbert E. Fleshman and Mary A. Fleshman
676 South Shatto Place, Apt. 106, Los Angeles, California Complainants
Against
Laura T. Fleshman, 512 Sollers Point Road, Baltimore, Maryland, and all unknown heirs of Lucy Alice Fleshman Angel, being parties unknown, Defendants.
ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to effect partition, in one of the modes prescribed by law, of all that certain 2.02 acre parcel of realty located in the Southside Magisterial District of Appomattox County, Virginia, approximately ½ mile from Spout Spring, Virginia, and approximately 4.5 miles West of Appomattox, Virginia, fronting on State Secondary Road 647 and being about 0.5 of a mile Southwest of State Secondary Road 689, and if such is impractical, that the property be sold by the Court and that the proceeds be divided among those entitled thereto.

And an affidavit having been made and filed that the defendants, Laura T. Fleshman and Maggie Fleshman are not residents of the State of Virginia and that there may be persons, whose names are unknown, interested in the subject to be divided or disposed of it is ordered that the defendants do appear on or before March 6, 1978 after due publication hereof, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Williams and Emily Anne visited their daughter and family in Savannah Ga. on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. David Savitz of Roanoke attended the Oakland Raiders and the Baltimore Orioles Football game in Baltimore last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Coleman are home again after spending Christmas with their children in Norfolk.

Visitors in town for the Christmas holidays were: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Duval and Todd, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Southall and family of Richmond and Mr. and Mrs. Horton Miller Southall, Mrs. Maggie Coffey of Lynchburg, Miss Ernestine Southall, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Southern of Norfolk, Mrs. Ida Southall of Farmville, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Neeley, Mrs. Joe Jurney and family of Danville, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Inge, Earleysville, Mr. and Mrs. David Savitz, Roanoke, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Delano of Warsaw, Miss Donna Smith, Mrs. W. B. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Williams and family of Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wood, John and Sarah of Colonial Heights, Miss Maryjane Smith, Longwood College, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dudley and Will of Staunton, Mr. and Mrs. John Ligon and family of Cheriton, Mrs. Lucie Bateman, Lynchburg, Mr. Harry Davis and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Austin and family of Richmond Miss Emily Williams of Fairfax, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Lucado Jr. and family, Fredericksburg and Mr. and Mrs. Phillipp Lucado and family of Greensboro, N. C.

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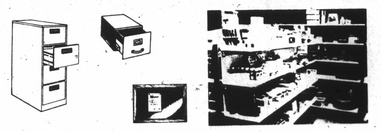

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